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Dear Pat:

We are your classmates and fellow proud graduates of the University of Chicago Law School's Class of 1991. We hold a range of political views. At Chicago, though, we all learned to revere the law and the Constitution. Our democracy depends on the rule of law. We remember that Professor David Currie carried a copy of the Constitution in his pocket at all times.

We are sorry to see how your letter to the congressional leadership flouts the traditions of rigor and intellectual honesty that we learned together. When any president openly invites the help of foreign powers for partisan political purposes, Congress in the exercise of its constitutional powers should conduct an inquiry and the White House should cooperate. Fair-minded lawyers can easily agree on this regardless of their politics. Your letter instead distorts the law and the Constitution for other purposes, including cable news consumption.

We urge you to honor our Law School's great traditions, and the Constitution of the United States, by retracting the letter.

Respectfully,

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